



**SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting: January 20, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.

Location: Selectmen's Hearing Room - Municipal Office Building

Present: John J. Ostrosky, Chairman
Robert P. Jacques, Vice-Chairman
Dorbert A. Thomas, Clerk
Patricia M. Banks
Kenneth F. Polito

Also Present: John D. Perreault, Town Engineer
Brad Stone, Agent

Mr. Ostrosky opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

1. Reviewed and Approved Minutes

The Conservation Commission voted on the Minutes as follows:

June 17, 2003 – approved as submitted

June 24, 2003 – approved as submitted (with Mr. Jacques abstaining)

July 15, 2003 – changes to be made – to be reviewed and voted at February 17, 2004 meeting

August 19, 2003 – approved as submitted

September 16, 2003 – changes to be made –

to be reviewed and voted at February 17, 2004 meeting

October 21, 2003 – approved as submitted

November 18, 2003 – changes to be made –

to be reviewed and voted at February 17, 2004 meeting

December 10, 2003 – approved as submitted (with Mr. Jacques abstaining)

2. Signed bills.

3. Meetings and Hearings – 7:05 P.M.

285-** Continued – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Sage Investors, Inc. for the construction of a commercial building and parking lot at 360 Hartford Turnpike**

Eric Wilhelmson (sp.?) – from Hannigan Engineering, and Chris Christopher, attended the hearing.

Mr. Wilhelmson said there will be wetland filling. The first is approximately 1800 sq. ft., and the second is approximately 700 sq. ft., for a total of approximately 2500 sq. ft.

Mr. Wilhelmson said he added the phasing construction plan, and the rest of the plan is the same.

Mr. Jacques commented that he thought this was too aggressive a plan for this site. He commented that he would not vote to approve it at this time, as it is being presented. Mr. Polito commented the same.

Mr. Stone said he has not seen revisions.

Mr. Christopher said this three acre site has been used by Mass. Highway to drain from Route 20. He said he intends to push Mass. Highway to correct and the wetland should dry out. He said he cannot develop the land if he has to adjust the plan. Mr. Ostrosky commented that the land can be developed to some extent.

Mr. Christopher said he would like to ask for a continuance to take another look at the site.

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to February 17, 2004.

285-1250 Continued – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Iqbal Ali for the construction of a retaining wall and grading at 14 Keyes House Road

Attending the hearing was Patrick Garner. Mr. Garner said he made some revisions after he brought the plans to Engineering and talked to Mr. Stone. He said Mr. Stone suggested he talk to the Building Inspector regarding the wall, and after that discussion, he added a note regarding the wall. The Commission said there will be a condition about the wall to be inspected.

Mr. Garner said there will be some kind of fence throughout.

Mr. Ostrosky officially closed the hearing.

285-1251 Continued – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent for the construction of a new booster station on Oak Street and approximately 7,000 linear feet of water main from Oak Street along Route 9 to Route 140, Lamplighter Drive from Melody Lane to Seton Drive, and along Seton Drive from Lamplighter Drive to Brentwood Drive

Mr. Polito abstained due to the possible conflict of interest. Lou Sarroco, from Tata and Howard, attended the hearing. He said this filing is for construction of a new booster station on Oak Street, as well as, approximately 7,000 linear feet of water main in various locations. Mr. Sarroco submitted revised plans and a letter from Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife.

Mr. Ostrosky officially closed the hearing.

285-** Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by David Parmenter for the construction of a single family home at 8 Gristmill Circle**

Mr. Parmenter did not attend this meeting. Some abutters attended and asked to be renotified. The Commission agreed that this should be readvertised, and abutters renotified.

Mr. Ostrosky said this hearing should be heard at next month's meeting on February 17, 2004.

285-1254 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Pete Calabrese, Assistant Maintenance Manager, The Home Depot New England Store Support for the construction of a detention basin and drainage swale at 530 & 542 Boston Turnpike

Luke Hurley, representing Pete Calabrese, attended the hearing. Mr. Hurley said this filing is for the construction of a detention basin and drainage swale. He said after a storm it is draining into access road very rapidly and flooding abutting properties. He said the system is currently not working very well.

Mr. Hurley reviewed the proposed new system. He said there will be no wetland impact, but there will be work in the buffer area. He said Mr. Harrington has given them permission to go on his property to do the work.

Mr. Hurley said at the other area, a detention basin will be put in to catch water coming off hill. He said basically they want to “flip-flop” the basin and the swale.

Mr. Polito said they should find out the history of the pipes that are out there now. Mr. Jacques said Home Depot should do something to enhance the wetland area, and noted that what Home Depot is doing is good and shows they want to be a good neighbor.

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to February 17, 2004.

285-1253 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Shrewsbury Hunt Limited Partnership for the construction of a single family home at 8 Sheryl Drive

Attending the hearing were Brian Weiner and Jeremy Downs. Mr. Stone noted to the Commission that this filing was denied previously by the Commission. Mr. Downs said this filing is for a single family home, attached garage, and grading on the side. He said the wetland is along the side of the property and in the back of the property. He said they will use erosion controls along the entire lot and propose planting arborvitaes after the work is done.

Mr. Downs said it is approximately 17.3 feet front distance to the wetland area, and approximately 17.8 feet back distance to the wetland area. He said that is the farthest they could get from the wetland area. Mr. Jacques suggested they could downsize the house some more.

Richard Mercadante, 5 Hemingway Street, said he abuts the wetland in the back, and expressed concern of the disturbance of the wetland in between these properties.

Susanna Shpak, 6 Thoreau Circle, expressed concern that this house is being built abutting them, and asked that trees be planted for a buffer/barrier around the detention basins.

Phoebe Huang, 2 Thoreau Circle, expressed concern for the tree cutting that is proposed for this.

Mrs. Banks expressed concern as to where children would play and just in general, how a family will live there, and maintain the wetland area.

The Commission expressed a lot of concern about the distance to the wetland and said they want the flagging checked. They also discussed other restrictions, such as a deed restriction; also putting a barrier, and maybe come up with other ideas.

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to February 17, 2004.

4. New Business

a. Discussed/Signed Draft Orders of Conditions and Requests for Determination of Applicability

- 285-**** 360 Hartford Turnpike - continued**
- 285-1250 14 Keyes House Road – conditionally approved**
- 285-1251 Oak Street Booster Station – conditionally approved
(with Mr. Polito abstaining from the vote and signing)**
- 285-**** 8 Gristmill Circle – did not attend meeting
(meeting to be held February 17, 2004)**
- 285-1254 530 & 542 Boston Turnpike – continued**
- 285-1253 8 Sheryl Drive – continued**

5. Old Business

a. Discussed/Signed Certificates of Compliance

- 285-1138 Lot 11R Tip Pond Road – Mr. Stone recommended to hold until Spring;
he said plantings are still being worked on**
- 285-1139 Lot 9R Holman Street – The Commission signed**
- 285-662 Lot 4 Old Stolpe Farm – Mr. Stone said he still needs some information**

6. Correspondence

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette W. Rebovich